

**WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**Public Safety Committee**  
**January 13, 2005, 4:00 P.M.**

**Public Safety Members Present:** Commissioners Jack Vincent, Tommy Hunt, Kevin McAlpin, John Salmon, and Earl Wright.

**Public Safety Members Absent:** Commissioner Roger Stewart.

The Public Safety Committee met on January 13, 2005, 4:00 p.m., at the Weakley County Department of Finance in the small conference room in Dresden. Others present included Shawn Francisco-Director of Finance, Mike Wilson-Sheriff, Ron Gifford-County Mayor, Rick Dowland-Emergency Management Director, and a representative from WCMT Radio. Chairman Vincent called the meeting to order.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Vincent deferred the approval of the minutes.

**Resolution # 2005-20**

This resolution has been previously approved by the Finance, Ways, & Means Committee. The purpose of the resolution is to create a new line item in the Sheriff budget for contracted service line item. Commissioner Salmon made the motion to approve the resolution and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution # 2005-21**

This resolution has been previously approved by the Finance, Ways, & Means Committee. The purpose of the resolution is to appropriate funds for the purchase tasers for the Sheriff department to be funded from the drug control budget. Commissioner Hunt made the motion to approve the resolution and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution # 2005-22**

This resolution has been previously approved by the Finance, Ways, & Means Committee. The purpose of the resolution is to appropriate \$126,697 grant funds received by TEMA in the emergency management budget. Commissioner Salmon made the motion to approve the resolution and with a second by Commissioner Wright the motion passed unanimously.

Sheriff Wilson spoke to the committee about the purchase of tasers. He showed the committee members informational taser DVD clips.

**County Safety Director**

Chairman Vincent informed the committee members that the County Mayor has contacted him concerning the appointment of a county safety director. The Weakley County budget does not include appropriates for compensation for a county safety director. Sheriff Wilson informed the committee about the county safety committee and its duties. Mr. Dowland stated the he is currently performing the duties as the county safety director in regards to completing and filing the quarterly reports. Discussion continued. Chairman Vincent asked Mr.

Dowland if he would serve as the county safety director without compensation. Mr. Dowland agreed. Discussion continued. Mr. Gifford stated that he did not expect Mr. Dowland to perform these duties without compensation. Mr. Dowland then retracted & stated that he would not serve as the county safety director without compensation. Chairman Vincent made the motion to appoint the County Mayor as the county safety director. Mr. Gifford refused the appointment. Discussion continued.

Commissioner McAlpin made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hunt seconded the motion to adjourn. Chairman Vincent called for a roll call vote for adjournment. A roll call vote was taken, with five in favor and no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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Jack Vincent, Chairman  
Public Safety Committee

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Date